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In “Universal Design: The Work of Disability in an Age of Globalization”, Michael Davidson states that the disabled community is rarely considered to be a cultural problem, they are continually ignored, most commonly in third world countries. The global design of our world needs to be changed dramatically to be socially, economically, and physically accessible to everyone.

Davidson illustrates disability in a global context. He discusses that disability in every country is not only a physical or mental impairment but a social and economic problem as well. I agree with Davidson’s idea that policies about globalization pay little attention to disability as a cultural problem. Industrialization of the global social and economic structures shows the difficulties of people with disabilities due to class and unequal distribution of wealth. Davidson demonstrates this in his article by referencing movies that show the social and political burdens that create disability in third world countries. Davidson believes that disability should be considered a human rights matter instead of a medical problem to help the socially, politically, economically, or physically disabled.